

Amos Kendall to Andrew Jackson, August 7, 1835, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

POSTMASTER GENERAL KENDALL TO JACKSON.

Washington, August 7, 1835.

Dear Sir, I have been sick for two days and write you from my bed. Within a few hours I have much improved and hope to be up in a few more. 25

Herewith you have copies of a correspondence between me and the Postmaster at Charleston S. C. upon a subject of the utmost interest. Believing that nothing but the exclusion of the inflammatory matter spoken of from the mails,¹ can secure their transmission through the South and regarding the papers themselves as most flagitious, I have only thought of the means of intercepting them with as little noise and difficulty as possible. It has seemed to me best that I should give no instructions upon the subject, but let the several Postmasters act upon such intimations as are given in my first letter to the Postmaster at Charleston. I have received a request from Richmond to give orders to stop them there, and have sent a copy of that letter. I have also communicated it to the P.M. here and advised him verbally to hand out none of the papers except to such persons as claim them as actual subscribers. I think these steps carried out will pacify the South; but I should like to have your views. . . .

1 Incendiary publication respecting slavery, sent through the mails into the South by extreme abolitionists.